

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, March 2nd, 2020

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Angela Dasovic, Irene Li, Lina Basso, Anne-Marie Porth, Raquel Do, Gloria McKale, Bill Brassington

Regrets: Margo Hrennikoff, Lina Silvestre, Claude Tani, Stace Dayment, Donna Rae-Young

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- January and February minutes – postponed approval to the April meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey – the survey was sent out February 7th to parents, staff and students. The data will be collected anonymously and shared with the Burnaby District.
- Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on March 12th. Early dismissals for this will be March 12th at 12:30pm and March 13th at 1:50pm.
- The District Diversity Dance will be taking place at Byrne Creek Secondary on March 4th. It is open to students from all eight Burnaby high schools and New Westminster Secondary and is generally well attended.
- Numeracy Week – each department in the school is highlighting and organizing lessons around numeracy in each subject area.
- Course selection closed on February 28th and students can no longer go online to make course changes. Any further changes will have to go through their counsellor. Parents can still go online to verify course selections until March 13th. After Spring break, timetable building starts for September.
- Cross District and Cross Boundary applications for September 2020 – the deadline for applications was February 28th.
- Open House – this event was well attended with over 500 people coming to visit the school.
- Hold and Secure – last week, the RCMP had requested the school be put in a Hold and Secure position at the end of the day in which the exit doors were locked and the students were asked to remain inside the school. This was due to a police procedure in the local area and the RCMP wanted to avoid a large number of students being out on the streets until they had the incident resolved. This was not a lock down procedure and there was no danger in or to the school.
- Flex Time – a reminder that Flex Time is not 'optional' class time. Students are expected to be in class and attendance will be recorded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- There is no activity to report for the month of February from the General and Gaming accounts.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$18,944
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$8,648
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The positions of Vice Chair and ELL rep are still open, as well as Fundraising rep. If anyone is interested, please let us know.
- A Sustainability Conference for students from across the District is being held at Burnaby Central on Friday, March 6th, from 8:40am-3:00pm. They are looking for parents to attend to participate in the dialogue and idea sharing. If anyone is interested, please let Melody know.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Suggest calling for volunteers in May for parents to start planning next year's Dry Grad event.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Nothing to report.

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Burnaby DPAC contact: info@burnabydpac.com

Burnaby DPAC website: <http://www.burnabydpac.com>

Burnaby DPAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BurnabyDPAC>

FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report

DRY GRAD

- The Vancouver Theatre Sports fundraising event at Granville Island on February 16th ended up being a huge success netting approximately \$1900.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- There are multiple door to door scams taking place in the area in which people are going to homes and offering Apple watches to those who agree to have their water tested. Participants are given a 1-800 number to call the next day but no one answers the call. Police believe those involved are scoping out neighbourhoods for criminal activity. If you experience this scam, please contact police and file a report.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Westridge Elementary Trivia Night is taking place Friday, March 6th and is a fundraiser for a Grade 7 trip. Tickets are \$25 and include pizza and snacks. This is a 19+ event. Tickets can be purchased from Stace or by contacting the Westridge office.
- This year's Staff Luncheon will be confirmed to take place on June 23rd. Raquel would like to start planning earlier this year and will be looking for student volunteers to help prepare and serve at the luncheon to show appreciation to their teachers.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:40pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- March 4th – Collab day; Diversity Dance at Byrne Creek
- March 4th-7th – Robotics Competition in Victoria
- March 5th – Flex time, altered bell schedule
- March 6th – Parent/Teacher Conference online sign up ends
- March 9th – Grade 9 immunizations in the cafeteria
- March 11th – Collab day
- March 12th – Early dismissal at 12:30pm; Parent/Teacher conferences start at 2pm
- March 11th-12th – Concours Oratoire 2020 at Fortius Sport & Health
- March 13th – Early dismissal at 1:50pm
- March 16th-27th – Spring Break, school closed
- April 1st – CLC 11/12 day, altered bell schedule for Grade 11 and 12
- April 2nd – Flex time, altered bell schedule

- April 2nd-3rd – Regional Science Fair at UBC